

RON CUST,

Director of Legislative Projects for Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Ron is the Director of Legislative Projects for Alberta Municipal Affairs, a position he has held since 2006. Recent projects which Ron has been involved in through his leadership role include the care and feeding of those regulatory changes related to the Capital Region Board Regulation, as well as the joint ministry project between Alberta Education and Alberta Municipal Affairs to establish a new reserve dedication for surplus school sites. Currently he is leading the team through the review of the legislative impact of the Land Use Framework policies upon the *Municipal Government Act*.

In the past, Ron spent a year (2006) in a pilot project where he was loaned to the Town of Morinville to assist in the capacity as assistant administrator. Before this secondment, Ron was the Coordinator of Assessment and Tax Legislation for Alberta Municipal Affairs from 1996-2006. And prior to this (1978 to 1994) he worked in the field experiencing the wrath of ratepayers while assessing residential, farm, commercial and industrial property. Ron has practiced his valuations and administrative skills in the counties of Sturgeon, Thorhild, Minburn and Westlock, and in a number of towns located north of Edmonton. These experiences have provided the background he needed to deal with the massive changes in legislation that occurred in Alberta from 1994 to 2000. Most notably he was involved in the creation of the "New MGA" in 1994 and subsequent amendments including the movement from a regulation assessment regime to a market-based environment.

Ron is an active member of the Alberta Assessors' Association and has served as President in the past. He received the designation "Accredited Municipal Assessor of Alberta" after completing the University of Alberta Municipal Assessment program in 1982. Also, he received his certificate in Local Government Administration from the University of Alberta in 1988.